

SENATE BILL 527

By Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and
Title 5, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-151, is amended by designating subsection (d) as a new subdivision (d)(1) and adding the following new subdivision (d)(2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(1), if a county legislative body passes a resolution of no confidence in a county officer, petitions must be signed by at least one percent (1%) of those registered to vote in the county. The disqualification of one (1) or more signatures does not render a petition invalid, but disqualifies such signatures from being counted towards the statutory minimum number of signatures required in this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-151(j), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(1) This section controls notwithstanding a statutory provision or charter provision of a municipality to the contrary; provided, that a contrary charter provision of a municipality which is enacted after July 1, 1997, controls with respect only to the requirements set forth in subsection (d) relating to the statutory minimum number of signatures required in a petition, and to the provisions of subdivision (f)(1) relating to the seventy-five-day deadline for filing of a petition after final certification by the county election commission.

(2) This section controls notwithstanding a statutory provision or charter provision of a county to the contrary; provided, that a contrary charter provision of a

county which is enacted after July 1, 1997, controls with respect only to the provisions of subdivision (f)(1) relating to the seventy-five-day deadline for filing of a petition after final certification by the county election commission.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.